

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

August 24, 2005

PETITION OF UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.  
FOR A DECLARATORY RULING

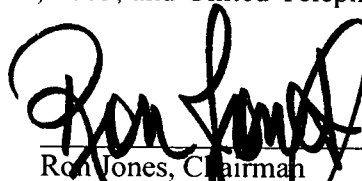
DOCKET NO.  
05-00152

ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Ron Jones, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 11, 2005 for consideration of the *Petition for Declaratory Ruling* filed by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. on May 27, 2005. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to appoint a hearing officer to prepare the matter for a hearing by the panel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Authority's General Counsel, or his designee, shall act as Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing and to set a procedural schedule to completion.
2. The Hearing Officer shall determine, prior to July 27, 2005, whether to set this matter for a contested case proceeding. If such proceeding is set, the Hearing Officer shall resolve any preliminary matters, including the *Motion of United Telephone- Southeast, Inc to Consolidate Docket No 05-00156 with Docket No 05-00152*<sup>1</sup> and shall prepare a notice of such proceeding in accordance with T.C.A. § 4-5-224 (2004).
3. If The Information Bureau chooses to file a response to the *Petition for Declaratory Ruling* or the *Motion to Consolidate*, it must do so by July 18, 2005, and United Telephone-Southeast, Inc must file its reply by July 22, 2005.

  
Ron Jones, Chairman

  
Pat Miller, Director

  
Sara Kyle, Director

<sup>1</sup> See *Motion of United Telephone- Southeast, Inc to Consolidate Docket No 05-00156 with Docket No 05-00152*, Authority Docket No 05-00156 (June 17, 2005)